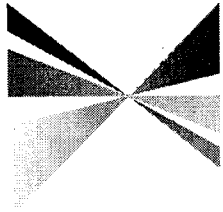


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## MEETING OF THE

# REGIONAL TRANSIT TASK FORCE

**Wednesday, March 28, 2007  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

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# Regional Transit Taskforce

## AGENDA

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*"Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the committee".*

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stephen Fox, Metro

### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of this committee, must notify the staff and fill out a speaker's card prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for comments to twenty (20) minutes.

### 3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

None

### 4.0 ACTION ITEMS

Approve January Meeting Minutes

Committee Members

### 5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- Metrolink Strategic Assessment Presentation (20 Minutes)
- ITS and Transit (20 Minutes)
- Transit Service Guidelines (20 Minutes)
- Jarc/New Freedom Update (5 Minutes)
- RTP Update (5 Minutes)

Joanna Capelle, Metrolink

Carri Sabel, Long Beach Transit

André Darmanin, SCAG Staff

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Shawn Kuk, SCAG Staff

### 6.0 COMMENT PERIOD

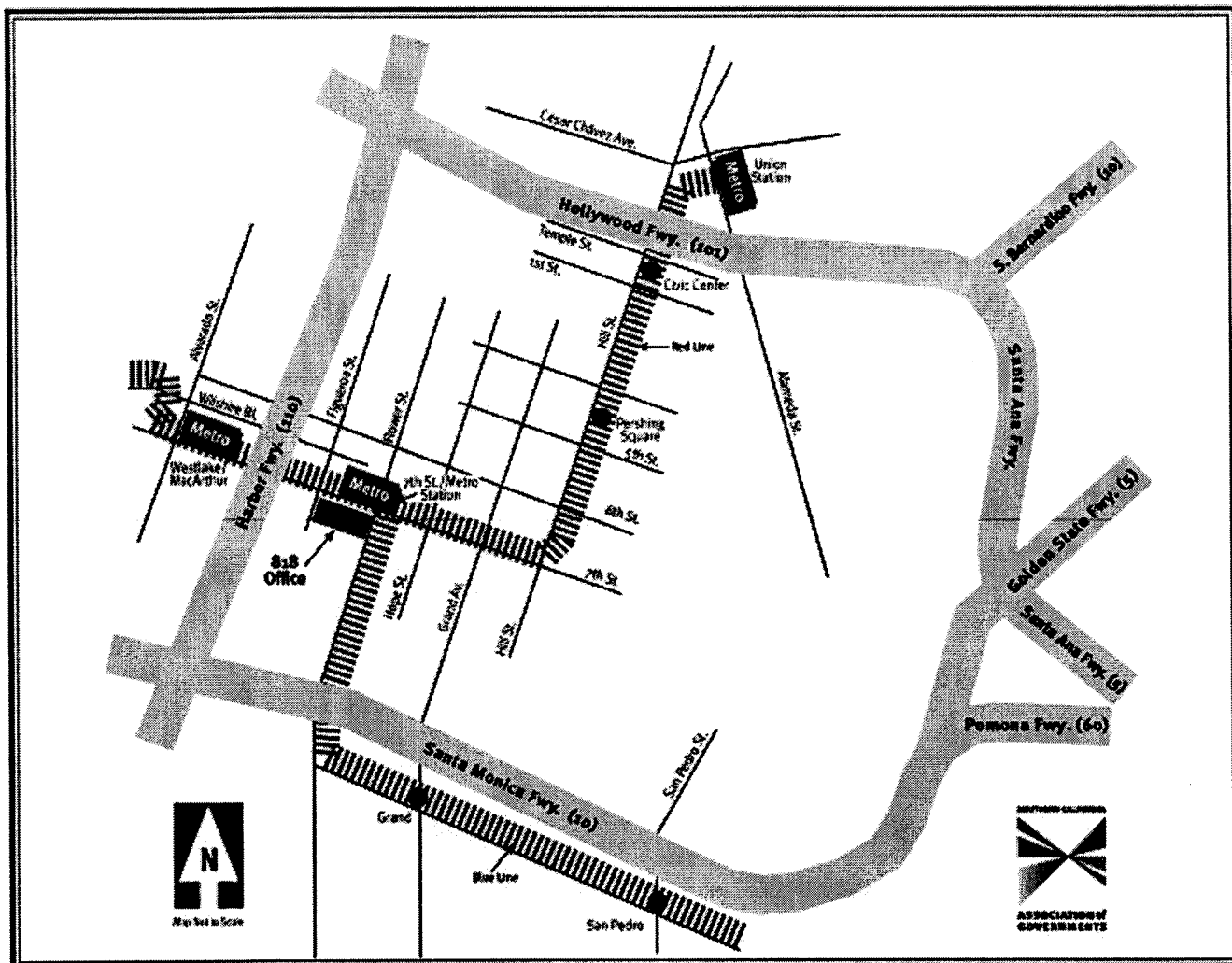
Any Committee members or staff desiring to comment on items not covered on the agenda may do so at this time. Comments should be limited to three minutes.

### 7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

May 23, 2007 (every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month)

### 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL TRANSIT TASK FORCE

January 24, 2007

*Minutes*

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL TRANSIT TASK FORCE. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Transit Task Force held its meeting at SCAG's office in Downtown Los Angeles.

**Members Present:**

Larry Torres	Metro
Steven Fox, Chair	Metro
Gregory Nord	OCTA
Jack Ottomanelli	FTA/FHWA
Joanna Capelle	SCRRA/Metrolink
Jacob Mathew (for Linda Wright)	Caltrans District 7
Stacey Alameida	Metro
Stewart Chesler	Metro
Susan Feyl	CPUC
Damien Goodmon	Get LA Moving (GLAM)

**Via teleconference:**

Lilian Davis	City of Corona
Mike McCoy	Riverside Transit

**SCAG Staff:**

Bob Huddy  
Jessica Meaney  
Andre Darmanin

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Steven Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no consent calendar items.

#### 4.0 ACTION ITEMS

##### 4.1 Approval Item

###### 4.1.1 Approve Minutes of November 15, 2006

*A Motion was made (Fox) to approve this item. The motion was Seconded (Nord) and unanimously approved.*

#### 5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- Metro Connections Update

Stewart Chesler, Metro, briefed members on the progress of the Metro Connections plan. The master plan of the bus routes has been completed and will be further refined to include implementation, phasing, and resourcing. Plan goals are to reduce system operating costs and maintain market share. This multi-layer plan will focus on:

- The express system which includes bus service on freeways and point-to-point service between major activity hubs.
- Line-haul lines and rapid bus lines.

The plan's strategy is to increase bus speeds by 1 mile per hour with the intention of attracting more riders and increasing seat utilization by 10%. This would be accomplished by providing better, more targeted service and by using articulated buses on strategic high volume lines.

Metro staff is now in the process of developing plans and hopes to complete all plans by mid-spring and complete implementation by June 2009.

Mr. Huddy expressed his concern for the truncating bus lines causing a disutility in the out of vehicle wait time and the idea of getting people within a queue of where they want to go. He also asked if any data has been used in analyzing the boarding/alighting patterns on these routes.

Mr. Chesler stated that Metro has looked extensively at boarding/alighting patterns for every bus line. Especially the tier 1 lines and Metro is in the process of conducting a new on-board survey of the orange line. All of this data has been factored in and taken into account in developing the master plan.

Mr. Huddy added that SCAG staff is currently updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and will have a draft by September 2007. He would like to include the projected cost savings in the RTP. In terms of financial estimates for Operations & Maintenance, these results will be presented in May and would like to include these projections in the RTP at this time.

According to Mr. Chesler the Metro board is in the process of approving a ridership growth plan and a structural deficit plan, both plans are ongoing. The board will be adopting this very soon making this information available.

Mr. Chesler also briefed members on the following Metro projects:

- A concept has been developed for a pedestrian friendly transit mall on Broadway Street and is modeled after a project that has been developed in Toronto on King Street This concept is in the initial pitching stages awaiting feedback from key stakeholders.
- Also proposing to have a circulator that would tie together all of the major activities within downtown. This concept is dependent on negotiations with the City of Los Angeles.
- Transit center/mall plans at Vermont and Sunset.

- SCAG Transit Update

Jessica Meaney and André Darmanin, SCAG, provided members with an outline on the current transit projects that staff is working on and a tentative schedule of presentations at RTTF meetings.

- Regional Transit Plan (RTP) Update

Bob Huddy, SCAG, briefed the task force on the status of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which is scheduled to have a draft prepared by September. Mr. Huddy added that he would like to increase the task force's involvement with the RTP and would like to have the task force review larger projects. Currently, staff is working on scheduling presentations for the task force of major transit projects and current studies. Any transit operator is welcome to make a presentation on happenings at their agency at any time to the RTTF.

Mr. Huddy also discussed the idea of having a workshop in May which will cover modeling of the deficiencies, the projects completed to the 2006 RTP, and the project lists, as well as financial estimates.

- Transit Operator's Agreement

Bob Huddy, SCAG, updated members on the progress of the Transit Operator's Agreement. Currently, SCAG has a draft agreement with Los Angeles Metro and is undergoing a final analysis with Metro staff. Once finalized, this will go to Bus Operation Supervisors and the General Managers. The OCTA agreement is pending additional material and will be included on next month's agenda.

He is also expected to have a draft of the five-party agreement regarding the 5310b Consultation Planning Requirements for task force members to review. San Bernardino also has an agreement that is going to OMNI TRANS and VVTA.

**6.0     COMMENT PERIOD**

Damien Goodman, GLAM, encouraged Metro to look across the world for better tunneling techniques when looking to build subway projects. Other countries are able to build subways at a significantly lower cost. Therefore, we should consider going abroad to places such as Madrid, Spain to study their methods.

**7.0     NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Regional Transit Task Force will be held at SCAG's Los Angeles office on **Wednesday, March 28, 2007**.

**8.0     ADJOURNMENT**

Steve Fox, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.